

Tuesdays and Fridays

GOV. SLATON COMMUTES  
LEO FRANK'S SENTENCE  
Georgia Executive Reduces Death

Gov. Slaton, of Georgia, did what nine-tenths of the people believed he would and thought he should—commuted the death sentence of Leo Frank to life imprisonment. Frank, it is remembered, was convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan in a pencil factory of which he was manager, in Atlanta. The killing occurred in April, 1913.

decision came several hours after Frank had been secretly taken from the jail and hurried to the State Prison Farm at Milledgeville Monday morning. Frank was sentenced to be hanged today.

In making the announcement the Governor dictated the following brief statement:

"All that I ask is that the people of Georgia read my statement of the rea-

before they pass judgment. "Feeling as I do about this case, I would not have been surprised if the man to hang. It means that I must live in obscurity the rest of my days, but I would rather be plowing in the fields than to feel for the rest of my life that I had that man's blood on my hands."

Extra editions of newspapers containing the unofficial announcement caused considerable excitement among a number of crowds of men, women and children who gathered in front of the jail and around City Hall. Mounted police and patrolmen were stationed on the outskirts of the crowd and at least one arrest was made. Commenting on the decision was heard in the gathering.

In his statement exhaustively explaining his reasons for commuting Frank's sentence, Gov. Slaten reviewed the circumstances surrounding the murder of Officer Frank and his appeal for clemency. Continuing the statement reads:

"The murder was a most heinous one and the offender deserves the punishment of death. The only question is as to the identity of the criminal. The responsibility is upon the people of Georgia to protect the lives of her citizens and to maintain the dignity of her laws and if the choice must be made between the approbation of the other States and the enforcement of our laws against offenders we must choose the latter alternative.

"It is charged that the court and jury were terrorized by a mob and that the jurors were coerced into a verdict. The State was indicted and the air was filled with rumors as to the murder and the mutilation of the girl. There was intense feeling, and to such an extent that my presence was requested. I entered the courtroom before the hearing of the militia ready to protect the defendant if any attack was made.

At the Georgia Prison Farm, dressed in stripes denoting the lowest grade prisoner, Frank again protested his innocence. He said that he was Phagan and expressed a "conviction that a day is not far distant when I will be exonerated."

He said he had no intimation of

What was going to happen when officers went to his cell in Atlanta to retrieve him for the trip. He expected gratitude toward Gov. Slaton and said he felt intuitively that he would at least commute his sentence. Frank will be known as "Convict No. 965."

That a certain class of people of the city of Atlanta want the blood of Frank whether he is guilty or not, is shown by the following dispatch from that city. Of course Gov. Slaton is a coward, but for the men who compose the mob there are like all others—cowards, but he is right in taking the proper precaution:

With a mob of several hundred surrounding the country home last night, Gov. Slaton, of Georgia, summoned the Georgia National Guard to enforce martial law for half a mile around his premises. The troops were stoned by the crowd and two officers injured before order was restored. The demonstrators followed the action of the Governor in commuting to life imprisonment the death sentence of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan.

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**Mrs. Mary Elliott Dead.**

Mrs. Mary Elliott, aged about 60, died at her home near Herkimer, N. Y., of a severe attack of pneumonia and was laid to rest in the Elliott burying ground this morning. She was a good, kind-hearted woman and her friends are deeply grieved over her departure.

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